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SUBJECT: U.S.-RP TAX TREATY

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- 1. APPRECIATE REFTEL, SUBSTANCE OF WHICH HAS BEEN CONVEYED TO GOP. DURING COURSE OF COURTESY CALL BY DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY MILLER AND E/C COUNSELOR ON FIANCE SECRETARY VIRATA MARCH 10, WE TOOK OCCASION TO ASK VIRATA IF HE FORESAW ANY PARTICULAR DIFFICULTIES IN CONTEXT OF FORTHCOMING NEGOTIATIONS. VIRATA SAID HE DID NO BELIEVE SO WITH EXCEPTION OF TWO PRINCIPAL STICKING POINTS, NAMELY TAX SPARING AND THE SHIPPING ISSUE. ON FORMER, HE SAID IT IS HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT THIS IS A FREATURE U.S. UNABLE TO GRANT. WITH RESPECT LATTER, HE SAID GOP DELEGATION IS PROCEEDING ON ASSUMPTION QUESTION OF EXCLUSION IS NEGOTIABLE.
- 2. COMMENT: OTHER REPORTING HAD INDICATED THAT VITATA IS UNHAPPY IN GENERAL WITH DRAFT U.S. TREATY, PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO NONDISCRIMINATION PROVISIONS. IF SO, HE DID NOT TAKE ADVANTAGE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO MENTION IT. DEPARTMENT AND TREASURY MAY WISH TO NOTE THAT, ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS HERE, CANADIAN-RP TAX TREATY SIGNED MARCH 11 (SEPTEL)

  CONTAINS BOTH TAX SPARING FEATURE AND CANADIAN AGREEMENT TO 2.5 PERCENT TAX ON GROSS BILLINGS FROM PHILIPPINE SOURCES BY CANADIAN AIRLINES AND SHIPPING COMPANIES.

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